

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 1 is amended to better define the invention.

Claims 1 to 3 remain pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

- Remarks -

35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1 to 3 are rejected under §103(a) over the combination of McElfresh et al. (US 6,557,976), in view of Inpyu (US 6,053,598), and further in view of Bolash et al. (US 6,161,915). Independent claim 1 is amended to better distinguish over this combination of references.

As submitted herewith, amended claim 1 recites a first and second authentication device. The first authentication device authenticates one or more properties of the printhead with the inkjet printer. The second authentication device authenticates one or more properties of the printing fluid storage with the inkjet printer. Both the first and second authentication devices are connected to a common authenticated data bus of the inkjet printer via the first electrical connector.

The above features are respectfully submitted to be novel and inventive over the combination of McElfresh et al., Inpyu, and Bolash et al.

Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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